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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

ENOCH ADAMS, JR., LEROY ADAMS,)
ANDREW KOENIG, JERRY NORTON,)
DAVID SWAN, JOSEPH SWAN,)
Plaintiffs,)
)
vs.	
)
TECK COMINCO ALASKA)
INCORPORATED,)
Defendant,)
,) DEFENDANTS'
NANA REGIONAL CORPORATION, and) JOINT STATUS REPORT
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH,)
Intervenor-Defendants.) Case No.: A04-00049 CV (JWS)

This status report is jointly filed by defendants in response to the court's September 13, 2006 order. The defendants continue to be interested in attempting to mediate all of plaintiffs' claims in this action. Plaintiffs and defendants have jointly identified potential mediators and are scheduled to interview four candidates between December 18 – 20, 2006 in San Francisco and Seattle. The parties intend to confer shortly after these interviews to attempt to agree on a single mediator. During the interviews they intend to discuss the

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mediator's availability for mediation as early as the latter half of January, 2007. The parties being interested in proceeding to mediation without any unnecessary delay. One of the candidates to be interviewed has already advised his mediation schedule does not allow for mediation of this complexity in January. The parties will be exploring the earliest alternative dates with this candidate during his interview.

The defendants suggest supplementing this status report on or before January 5, 2007 at which time they anticipate they will be able to advise the court if plaintiffs and defendants have agreed on a mediator and the time set for the mediation.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of December, 2006 by defendants' counsel of record for each party in this case.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 8th day of December, 2006, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, via electronic service, on the below identified parties of record:

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